



Scenario - Escape Routes

Scenarios are situations that can arise on a Wildland Fire or Aviation incident and are meant to add a realistic setting for the application of Today's Safety Discussion.

In this scenario you will assume the role of crew boss as the incident transitions from Initial Attack to a large fire. Your challenge is to ensure that escape routes are always in place. Under ideal conditions the list of "what to do" is easy... under less than ideal conditions you are faced with many challenges. Listed below are just a few of those challenges. Discuss them with your crew and share some of your experiences.

Initial Attack Challenges:

1. During IA there is considerable time pressure to contain the fire. Escape routes may seem like an impediment to this, especially if they need to be built.
2. Upon arrival firefighter Situational Awareness (SA) is incomplete, including escape routes to safety zones and deployment areas.
3. The rapidly changing environment during IA may prove extremely challenging when trying to maintain adequate escape routes.

Share your challenges of establishing Escape Routes on an Initial Attack Incident.

Large Fire Challenges:

1. As the day progresses how does the status of your escape routes change? How do you know when they are no longer adequate?
2. As a crew boss how do you ensure that everyone on the crew has the most up-to-date information regarding escape routes?
3. Suppose you and you crew are dropped of a considerable distance from your division... how do you identify and communicate escape routes to your crew while in a mobile status?

Share your challenges of establishing Escape Routes on a large fire.

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